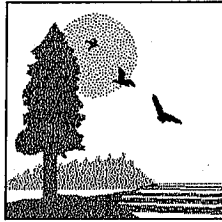


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW TIME EXTENSION / PUBLIC MEETING
RECIRCULATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Pursuant to section 15085 (d), Title 14, California Code of Regulations, this is to advise that the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) has completed a Recirculation Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Project described below:

Project Title: Venoco Ellwood Marine Terminal Lease Renewal Project

Project Location: Goleta, California and the Pacific Ocean offshore of Ellwood/Goleta, Santa Barbara County, California.

Project Description: Venoco, Inc. (Venoco), an oil and gas company, is seeking approval from the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) for a new 10-year State lease (PRC 3904.1) of State-owned sovereign lands. The lease, if granted, would allow Venoco to continue operating the offshore improvements associated with the Ellwood Marine Terminal (EMT), a crude oil marine loading terminal and associated storage facility, through February 28, 2013. A new State lease would allow Venoco to continue operating the offshore improvements associated with the EMT, the associated onshore storage facility, and barge transit operations along coastal shipping routes to the Los Angeles and San Francisco Bay areas. A DEIR was prepared and circulated for the Project in 2006. This Recirculation DEIR has been prepared due to the infeasibility of fully implementing Mitigation Measure HM-9a, which would have required the use of a double-hulled barge by 2010. It also includes an updated Air Quality section that provides a Climate Change/Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Analysis. The CSLC is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (the CEQA) and is responsible for preparation of this Recirculation DEIR. Recirculation of two portions of this Draft EIR is being done in accordance with the requirements of CEQA Guidelines section 15088.5.

A 45-day public review period for this Recirculation DEIR began December 10, 2008, and was originally to end on January 23, 2009. **This review period has been extended for two more weeks.** Written comments now must be **received by 5:00 PM PST, Friday, February 6, 2009.** Please send your comments at the earliest possible date to the individual listed below.

The CSLC encourages you to send your comments to the Project Manager listed below in MS Word format. If sending comments by e-mail, please also mail an original on any applicable letterhead to the CSLC office to ensure receipt of a clean copy.

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This document, identified as CSLC EIR Number 743 and State Clearinghouse Number 2004071075, may be viewed electronically, in Word or Acrobat format, on the CSLC internet website at <http://www.slc.ca.gov>. Copies of the Recirculation DEIR are also available for review at the following locations:

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| CSLC, Attn: Eric Gillies 100 Howe Ave., Ste 100-South Sacramento, CA 95825 (916) 574-1897 | Goleta Branch Library 500 N Fairview Ave. Goleta, CA 93117-1797 (805) 964-7878 | Santa Barbara Library 40 East Anapamu St. Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 962-7653 | County of Santa Barbara Energy Division, Attn: Dean Dusette 123 East Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 568-2513 |
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Public Meeting:

Pursuant to section 15087, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (the State CEQA Guidelines), the CSLC has also scheduled a public meeting for receiving oral and written comments on the Recirculated DEIR at:

LOCATION: GOLETA BRANCH LIBRARY, 500 N. Fairview Ave., Goleta, CA 93117

DATE: **January 28, 2009**

TIME: Meeting will begin at 4:00 PM

Anyone interested in this matter is invited to comment on the document by written response or by personal appearance at the public meetings. A sign language interpreter will be provided upon advance notification of need by a deaf or hearing-impaired person. Such notice should be made as soon as possible prior to the date of the meetings to the CSLC Project Manager identified in this Notice.

Recirculation DEIR Overview:

The Recirculation DEIR provides (1) the requirements for recirculation of a DEIR; (2) the scope, content and format of the Recirculation DEIR prepared by the CSLC for the proposed EMT Lease Renewal Project; and (3) the Recirculation EIR review process. The analyses contained in the Recirculated EIR Section 4.2, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, finds that implementation of Mitigation Measure HM-9a requiring a double-hulled barge is not feasible. Removing this requirement will result in a more severe environmental impact associated with oil spills during barge transport than was identified in the Draft and Final EIR for the EMT Lease Renewal Project. Venoco has also proposed the use of a larger, double-hulled barge, the Olympic Spirit, as a backup for those periods when the barge Jovalan is not available. In addition, since the completion of the DEIR and FEIR for the Project, additional requirements for the CEQA analysis of GHG emissions and Global Climate Change have been implemented in California. Therefore, Section 4.3, Air Quality, has been included in the Recirculation DEIR to provide interested parties with an up to date analysis of this issue.

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